**ENG201 – Introduction to Literature I Prof. Everson**

**Assignment 10: Responding to the Novel in a Short Essay**

In a short essay (5-7 paragraphs), provide a personal response and analysis of the novel *Animal Farm* by George Orwell. In the Introductory paragraph, introduce novel by providing a brief plot summary in 2 or 3 sentences, title and author. Then in your last sentence, write a thesis statement based on your answer to the question below. In the body of your essay, provide specific evidence from the novel to support your thesis. Include a minimum of three (3) details from the story. In the conclusion, restate your thesis and reflect in general on the novel.

Question: (select one (1) to answer in your essay):

1. Is *Animal Farm* best read as a **fable**? If so, explain the moral of the story and why this is important for when it was written (1945) or for us today.
2. Is *Animal Farm* best read as a **satire**? If so, what is Orwell’s main critique, and how is that relevant for today?
3. *Animal Farm* best read as a **allegory**? If so, what does the novel allegorize for us today?
4. Which character in *Animal Farm* offers the most important lesson or critique for us today? Describe the character and her or his role in the novel, then explain how this can be seen as a lesson or a critique of today’s culture.

Remember, this is a formal assignment. You must:

* Use your best English grammar and spelling.
* Use formal conventions (capitals, periods, quotation marks, etc)
* Use literary terms from class that are appropriate to your discussion.
* Use any resources to help you write: dictionaries, translators, professor, classmates, etc.
* Write clearly and neatly, following essay format (introduction, body, conclusion).